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IN THE YEAR 200X, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN WAS CREATED BY DR. LIGHT TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

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## PREVIOUSLY...



When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!

Dr. Wily has now, unbeknownst to Mega Man, retreated to the Amazon Jungle, where he has met a mysterious entity capable of creating Robot Masters!

Meanwhile, what started as a happy reunion amongst friends and colleagues quickly turned to chaos, as the Advanced Robotics Trade Show was hijacked by the anti-technology extremist organization calling themselves the Emerald Spears! Their goal? Blow up the Trade Show and all the robots within!

As Mega Man, his dog Rush, Elec Man, and their two new compatriots Pharaoh Man and Quake Woman attempt to diffuse the bombs, the Spears' organization experienced its own hijacking!

The hot-tempered Xander Payne is now calling the shots, and is prepared to destroy not only the convention hall and the robots, but to also destroy all the people still trapped inside...



### CHARACTER SELECT



MEGA MAN



KALINKA & ROLL



DR. WILY



XANDER PAYNE

HEY, KID!  
YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE OUT-  
SIDE!

I KNOW, MISTER,  
BUT MY DAD  
NEEDS HELP!  
WON'T YOU PLEASE  
HELP HIM?

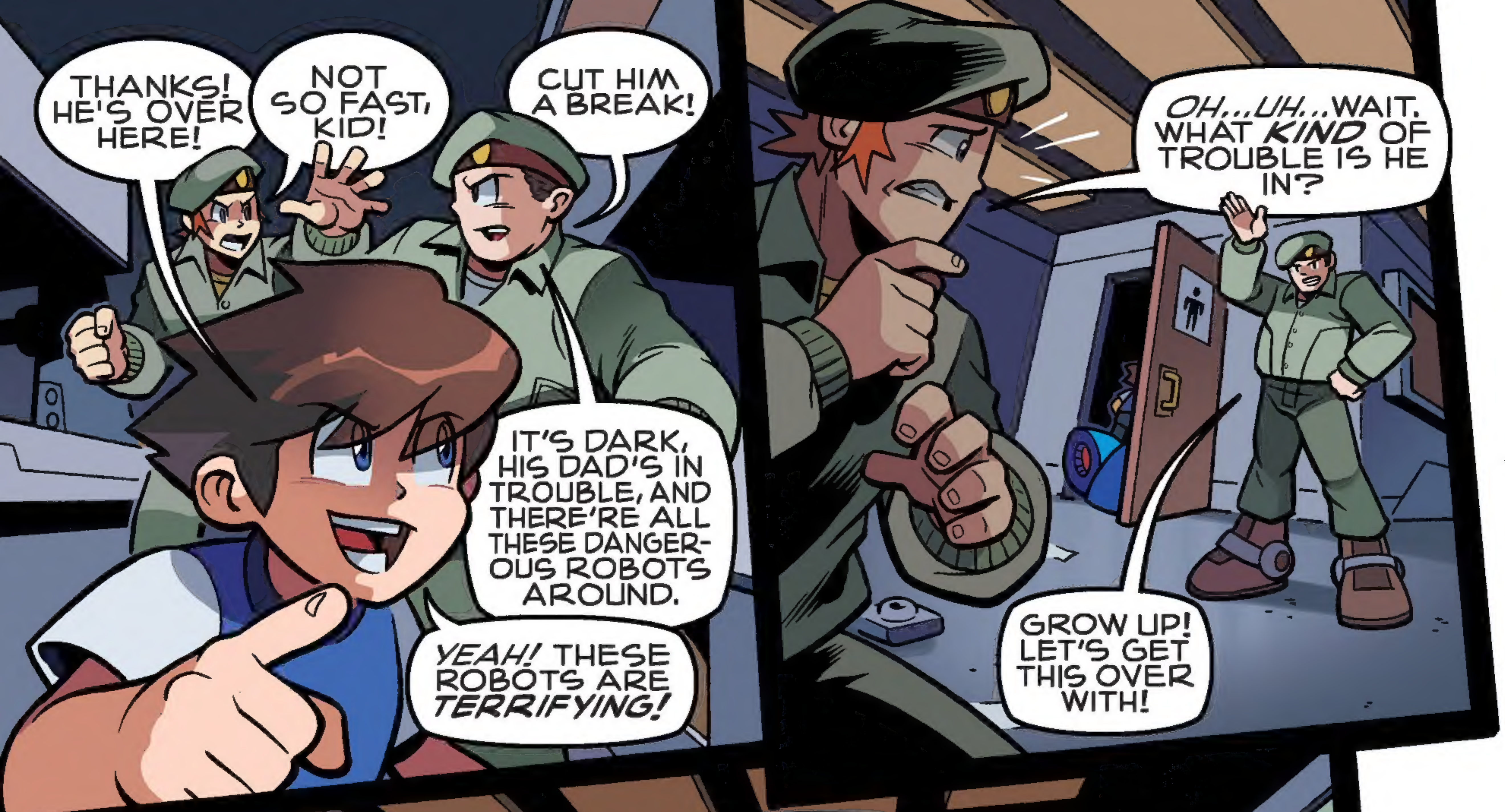
POOR  
KID. C'MON.  
LET'S FIND HIS  
FATHER AND  
GET THEM  
OUT OF  
HERE.

# SPIRITUS EXMACHINA

## Part Three: DESPERATE MEASURES

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THANKS! HE'S OVER HERE!

NOT SO FAST, KID!

CUT HIM A BREAK!

OH...UH...WAIT. WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE IS HE IN?

IT'S DARK, HIS DAD'S IN TROUBLE, AND THERE'RE ALL THESE DANGEROUS ROBOTS AROUND.

YEAH! THESE ROBOTS ARE TERRIFYING!

GROW UP! LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!



**BARK!  
BARK!  
SNARL!**

AHHH! ROBOT DOG!

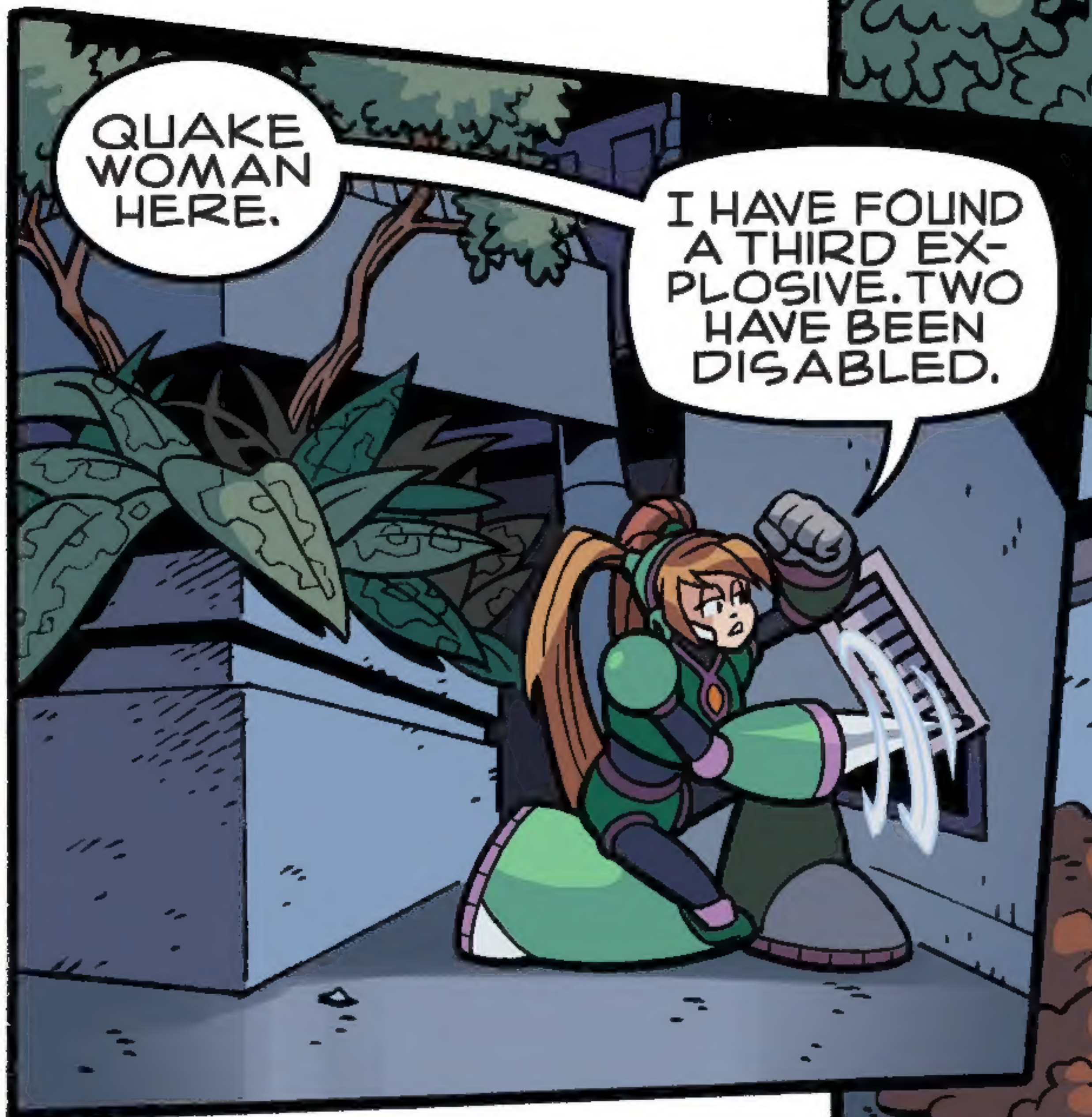
**SLAM!!**

LOOKS LIKE THIS TRICK ISN'T GOING TO WORK ANYMORE. MEGA MAN TO ROBOT MASTERS! HOW'S IT GOING WITH THOSE BOMBS?



THIS IS E-S SIX!

THERE'S A ROBOT DISGUISED AS A LITTLE BOY! HE'S TRAPPED US IN THE MEN'S ROOM, EAST SIDE!



LISTEN UP, DOCTORS.

MY NAME IS XANDER PAYNE. I'VE JUST PROMOTED MYSELF TO THE HEAD OF THE EMERALD SPEARS. I'LL GIVE YOU THIS SECOND TO MAKE PEACE WITH YOURSELVES. THEN IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU AND YOUR PRECIOUS ROBOTS.

N-NOW HOLD ON, MR. PAYNE. WE CAN TALK THIS OVER...

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN TALKING--LEAST OF ALL TO YOU! IT WAS YOUR ROBOTS THAT LEFT ME MAIMED AFTER THEY WENT AMOK!\*

\*MEGA MAN VOLUME 1.

I--I'M TRULY SORRY. THEY WERE NEVER MEANT TO HURT ANYONE.

IT'S NOT THOMAS'S FAULT! THE ROBOTS WERE SABOTAGED BY DR. WILY!

DIFFERENT NAME, SAME INHERENT PROBLEM. I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, THOUGH.

YOU WERE DEBATING AGAINST THE IDEA OF MAKING THESE AUTOMATONS TOO HUMAN!



I WAS VOICING CAUTION...

...OVER MAKING IT SO THAT WE CAN HAVE DEEP, EMOTIONAL CONNECTIONS WITH OUR CREATIONS.



SO THAT WHEN WE DESIGN A ROBOT TO DO THE JOBS TOO DANGEROUS FOR HUMANS, AND WHEN THOSE DANGERS TAKE THEIR TOLL, WE LOSE TOOLS AND NOT... AND NOT SONS AND DAUGHTERS...

SO THAT'S WHY TEMPO... WHY QUAKE WOMAN WAS SO DISTANT. YOU TOOK AWAY HER PERSONALITY.



I THOUGHT IT WOULD EASE THE PAIN. *SNIFF* BUT SHE'S STILL "TEMPO" TO ME, STILL MY LITTLE GIRL, AND SHE'S IN DANGER!



DISGUSTING! THEY'RE MACHINES! THEIR "PERSONALITIES" ARE MANUFACTURED!

ARE THEY ANY LESS GENUINE THAN OUR OWN, CRAFTED THROUGH A LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCES? IS OUR LOVE FOR OUR CREATIONS ANY LESS REAL, WHETHER THEY HAVE A PULSE OR A MOTOR?

"EVEN A MONSTER LIKE DOCTOR WILY CARES FOR HIS CREATIONS."

LANFRONT RUINS--  
TEMPLE OF THE  
MOON.

NOW BRING THAT ROBOT  
WE FOUND IN THE CATA-  
COMBS OVER HERE! LET'S  
SEE IF RA MOON CAN  
COMPLETE IT ACCORDING  
TO MY DESIGNS!

IS THIS  
REALLY  
NECESSARY  
?

YOU ALREADY  
HAVE ALL  
THOSE OTHER  
DESIGNS BY  
DR. LIGHT ON  
YOUR LAPTOP.  
WHY SPEND  
THE TIME TO  
RESTORE SOME  
ANCIENT ROBOT?

FIRST, THOSE  
DESIGNS WERE  
CO-DEVELOPED  
BY THOMAS. ALL  
THE GOOD IDEAS  
WERE *MINE*,  
SECOND--  
BECAUSE I  
CAN!

I...  
FUNCTION  
...?

WHA  
HAHAHA!  
PERFECT!



PWOMF!

WOO!  
HE'S SO  
QUICK TO  
RESPOND!  
SO COOL!

GREAT.  
ANOTHER  
QUICK  
MAN.

BREEP! BREEP!

I DIDN'T  
TOUCH ANY-  
THING!

IT'S THE PROXIMITY  
ALARM YOU HAD US  
SET UP. SOMETHING  
JUST CROSSED INTO  
OUR TERRITORY.

A PERFECT CHANCE TO TEST  
OUT MY NEWEST CREATIONS!  
QUICK MAN, FLASH MAN,  
MAGNET MAN, AND SHADOW  
MAN--YES, THAT'S YOU--  
GET OUT THERE AND SEE  
WHO'S SO FOOLISH TO  
CROSS MY PATH!

TRY  
TO KEEP  
UP, NEW-  
BOTS!

AT THE RATE  
YOU'RE CREAT-  
ING THESE NEW  
ROBOT MASTERS,  
THE COMPLETION  
OF YOUR LAB  
AND ROBOT  
ARMY WILL BE  
SIGNIFICANTLY  
DELAYED, SIR.

DON'T  
FRET, AIR  
MAN.

TRY NOT TO  
KILL ONE OF  
YOUR OWN  
THIS TIME,  
JERK.

I'VE STILL GOT  
TIME AND SUR-  
PRISE ON MY  
SIDE. WE CAN  
AFFORD A LITTLE  
EXTRA PREP-  
TIME...



GET BACK HERE!

RUN, KALINKA, RUN!

GOTCHA!

MAN, YOU'RE HEAVY!

AHHHH  
HHHHH!

LET HER GO!  
IF YOU HURT HER,  
I'LL--!

YOU AND YOUR  
SISTER BELONG  
OUTSIDE.



"SISTER"  
...?



OKAY, MISTER,  
WE'LL GO, BUT  
CAN YOU TAKE  
US OUT A  
DIFFERENT  
EXIT?

Y-YOUR  
FRIENDS ARE  
SCARY!

WELL... WE'RE  
SUPPOSED TO  
MOVE EVERY-  
ONE OUT THE  
MAIN EXIT... BUT  
IF YOU TWO  
PROMISE TO  
BE GOOD...

WE  
WILL!



HERE YOU GO,  
GIRLS. GO FIND  
YOUR PARENTS.  
AND IF ANYONE  
ASKS, I DIDN'T  
HELP. YOU JUST  
SNUCK OUT ON  
YOUR OWN,  
OKAY?

SURE  
THING,  
MISTER!

TH-  
THANKS!



OH, MAN!  
I CAN'T BELIEVE  
OUR LUCK!

THAT  
WAS SCARY!  
I'M GLAD WE'RE  
OUTSIDE...



BUT WHAT  
ABOUT POPPA?  
AND YOUR  
FAMILY?

ROCK WILL  
TAKE CARE OF  
THEM FOR NOW,  
BUT I HAVE AN  
IDEA. CAN I  
SEE YOUR  
PHONE, PLEASE?

O-O-KAY...

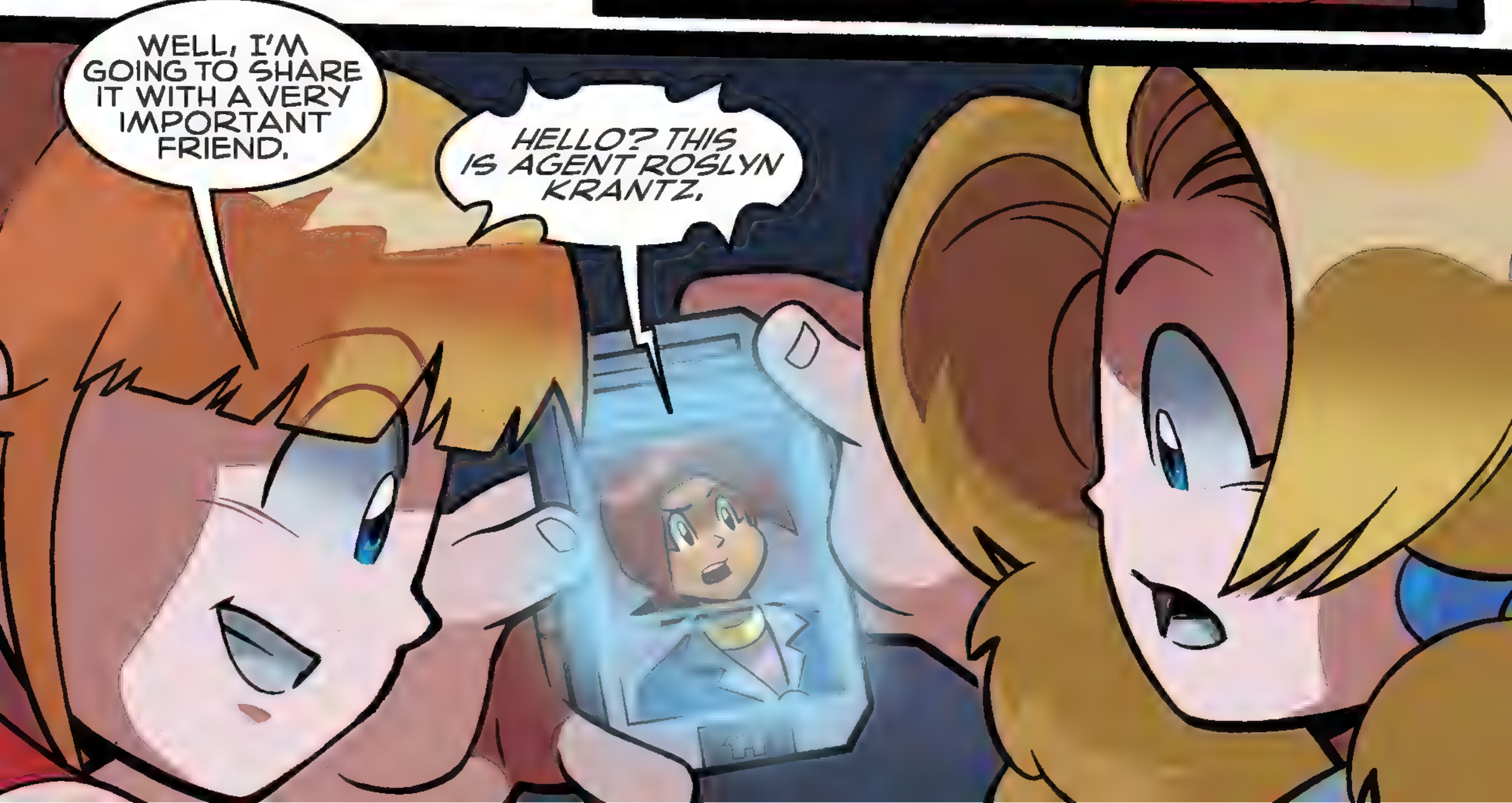


WOW! YOU  
WEREN'T KIDDING! THIS  
THING IS *SUPER-*  
ADVANCED!

REMEMBER  
WHEN YOU  
ACCIDENTALLY  
INTERCEPTED  
THE LEADER'S  
BROADCAST?

POPPA WANTED ME  
TO BE ABLE TO GET  
IN TOUCH WITH HIM IN  
ANY SITUATION. WHAT  
ARE YOU DOING?

YES  
...?



WELL, I'M  
GOING TO SHARE  
IT WITH A VERY  
IMPORTANT  
FRIEND.

HELLO? THIS  
IS AGENT ROSLYN  
KRANTZ.

TEMPLE OF THE MOON...

CLANG

WELCOME INTO THE WORLD, NEEDLE MAN!

I LIVE TO SERVE YOU, DR. WILY.

GLAD TO HEAR IT! YOU CAN START WITH SOME OF THE HEAVY LIFTING.

WE'RE BACK! SOME ROBOT MASTER STUMBLED INTO OUR TERRITORY AND SHUT DOWN.

ERM...

WELCOME TO THE CLUB, BROTHER.

HMM... ROBOT MASTERS AREN'T EXACTLY COMMON...

EGAD! IT'S THE ROBOT MASTER! THE ORIGINAL! TODAY JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER!

BUT THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HIS POWER CORE GAVE OUT, SO WHY--

IT IS MY DOING.

IT...YOU... CAN TALK?

MY UNIQUE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELD DISABLES ALL MACHINES THAT ARE NOT OF MY MAKING.

INTRIGUING... THAT DEFIES SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING. BUT THEN I REALIZE I'M TALKING TO A TALKING ROBOT EYEBALL OLDER THAN MODERN CIVILIZATION. CAN YOU EXTEND THIS FIELD?

YES. WITH ENOUGH TIME AND POWER, MY PRESENCE CAN BE FELT ALL OVER THE WORLD.

FASCINATING, BUT WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT AFTER WE'VE REPAIRED THIS POOR WAYWARD ROBOT.

MEANWHILE,

THANKFULLY, I KNOW JUST THE WAY TO FIGHT YOUR BRAND OF MADNESS. SAY GOOD-NIGHT, YOU...

...WHETHER THEY HAVE A PULSE OR A MOTOR?

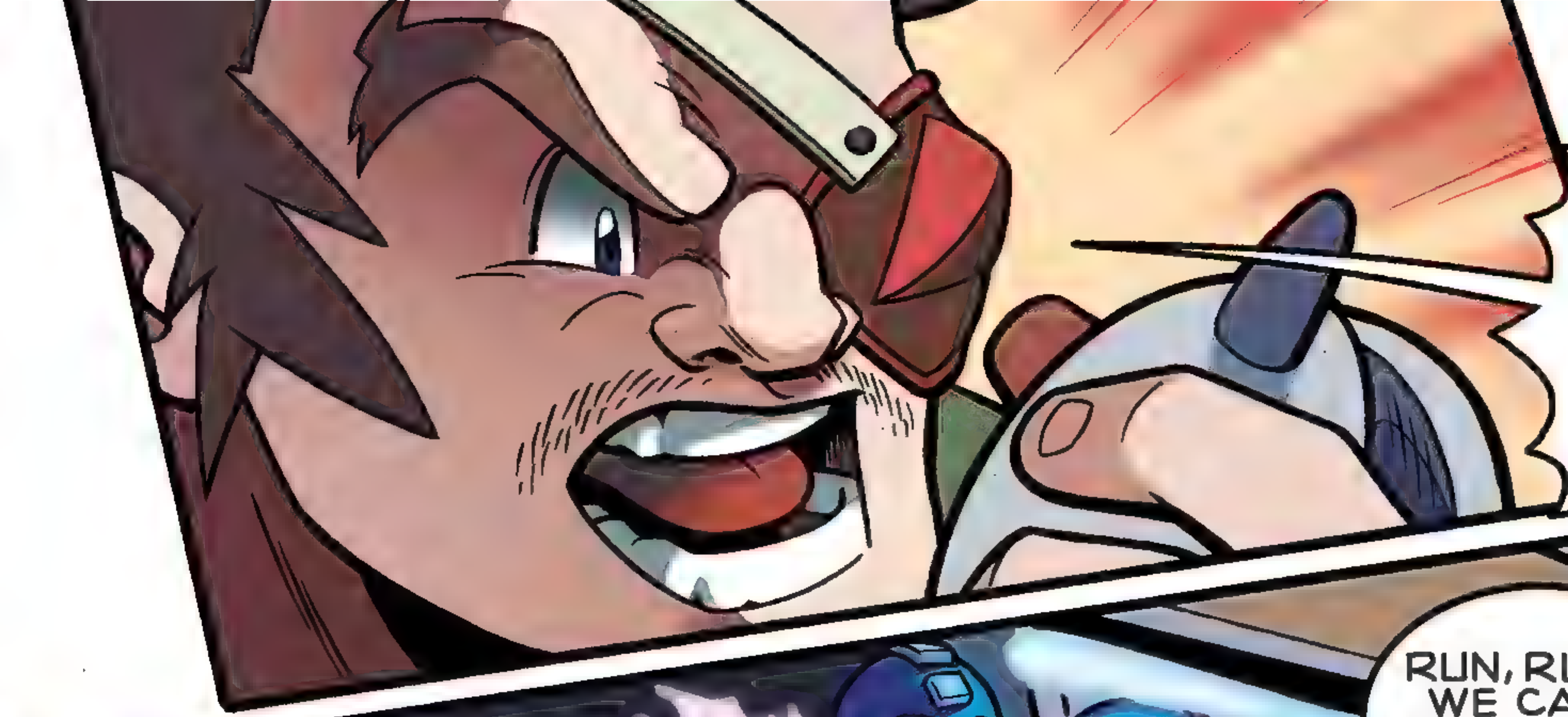
YOU PEOPLE WILL NEVER LEARN.

--WHAT THE---?!

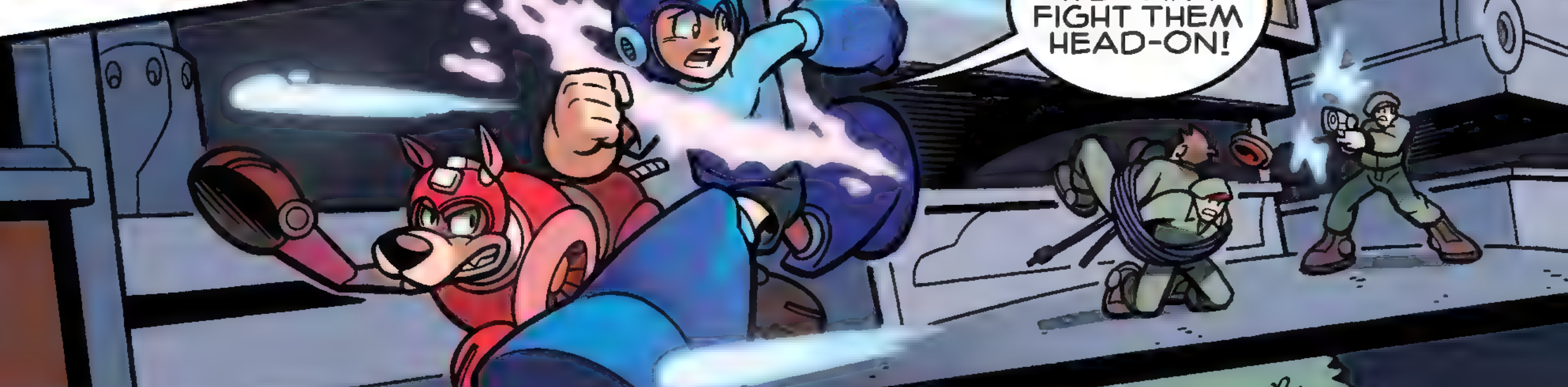
MISTER PAYNE? ARE YOU STILL THERE? ANSWER US!

**NO!**






SHOOT THE  
ROBOTS, YOU  
MORONS!  
THEY'RE DIS-  
ABLING THE  
BOMBS!



RUN, RUSH!  
WE CAN'T  
FIGHT THEM  
HEAD-ON!



CLEVER FOR  
A MACHINE.  
I'VE BEEN  
WAITING FOR  
THIS ALL  
NIGHT.



KEEP  
WAITING,  
LADY.



SAVE US, MEGA MAN!

STOP THEM!

WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT?!


I CAN'T!  
I CAN'T RISK HARMING ANOTHER HUMAN UNLESS--!

...UNLESS INACTION RISKS HARMING MORE PEOPLE.


THEY JUST GAVE US THE EXCUSE, RUSH!

GOOD BOY! NOW LET'S WRAP THIS UP!





EVERYONE--  
THIS IS MEGA  
MAN! THEY'RE  
FIRING AT PEOPLE  
NOW! WE HAVE  
TO PROTECT THE  
INNOCENTS!



I WON'T  
GO DOWN  
WITHOUT  
A FIGHT,  
ROBOT.



FINALLY!  
I'M SICK OF  
PLAYING  
NICE!



HI, MY  
NAME IS  
"ELEC  
MAN."

THAT'S  
SHORT FOR  
"ELECTRICITY,"

DO  
YOU READ,  
QUAKE  
WOMAN  
?

HOW  
ARE YOU  
DOING?



I AM  
FINE.

WE SHOULD  
RESUME  
DEALING WITH  
THE REMAINING  
BOMBS AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE.

NO!  
NO!!!

DO YOU HEAR  
THE CHAOS OUT  
THERE?! PEOPLE  
ARE GETTING HURT  
--AGAIN--BE-  
CAUSE OF YOUR  
ROBOTS!

NO.

*YOUR* PEOPLE ARE  
GETTING HURT BE-  
CAUSE THEY THREAT-  
ENED THE INNOCENT.  
*OUR* ROBOTS ARE  
RISKING THEIR LIVES,  
STRUGGLING UNDER  
THEIR CONSTRAINTS,  
TO *SAVE* THOSE  
INNOCENT LIVES.

LOOK AROUND YOU,  
MR. PAYNE. WHO HAS  
THE GUNS? WHO HAS  
THE BOMBS? WHO'S  
*TRULY* BROUGHT  
TERROR AND HARM  
TO THE PEOPLE TO-  
NIGHT?



ST-STAY  
BACK!



...MOVE  
ALONG...



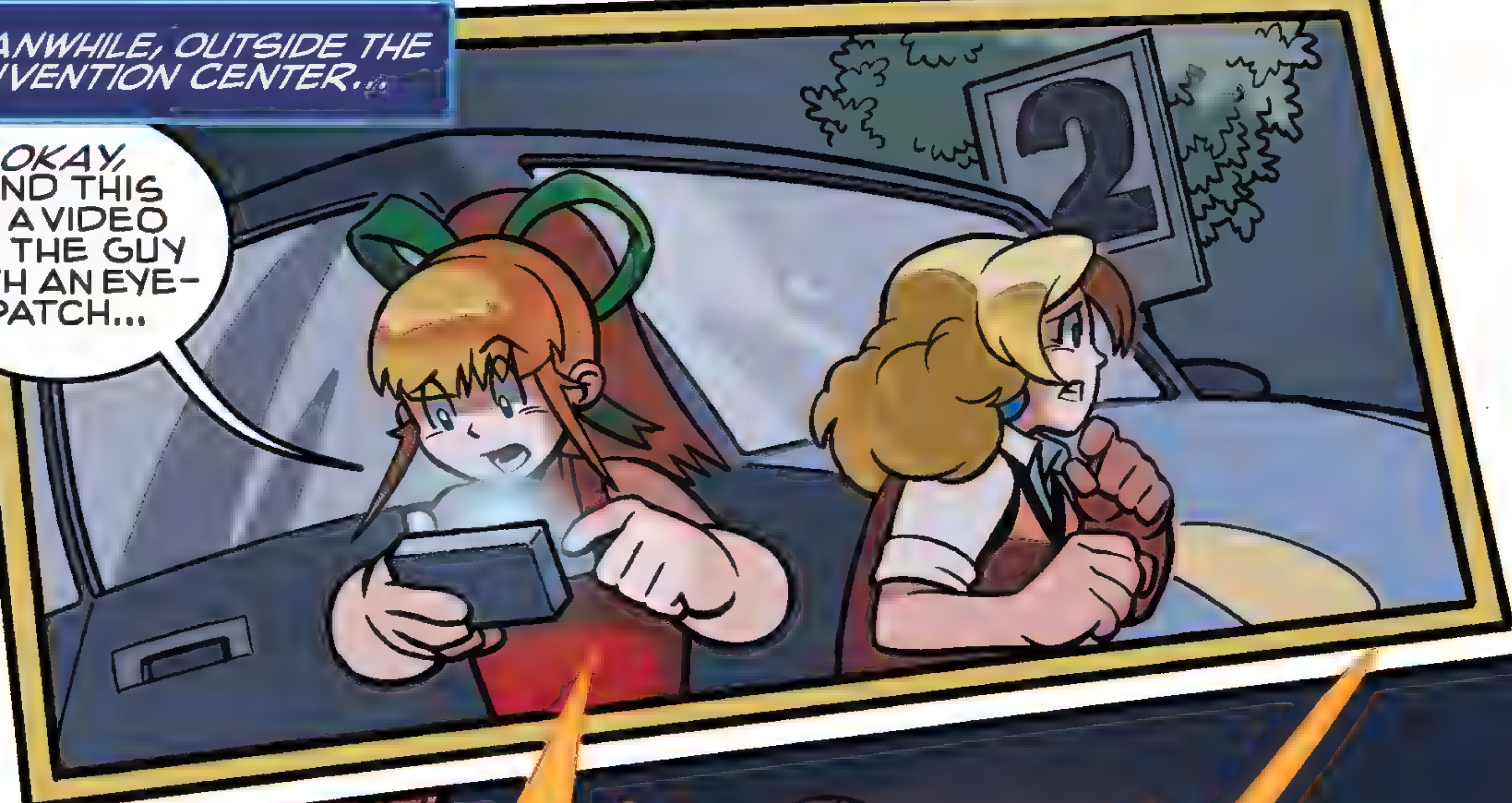
THANK  
YOU,  
MEGA  
MAN...



WHATEVER  
IT TAKES.

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE CONVENTION CENTER...

OKAY, AND THIS IS A VIDEO OF THE GUY WITH AN EYE-PATCH...



**BOOM!**



WAS THAT AN EXPLOSION?!

THEY SET OFF THE BOMBS!  
THEY SET OFF THE BOMBS!

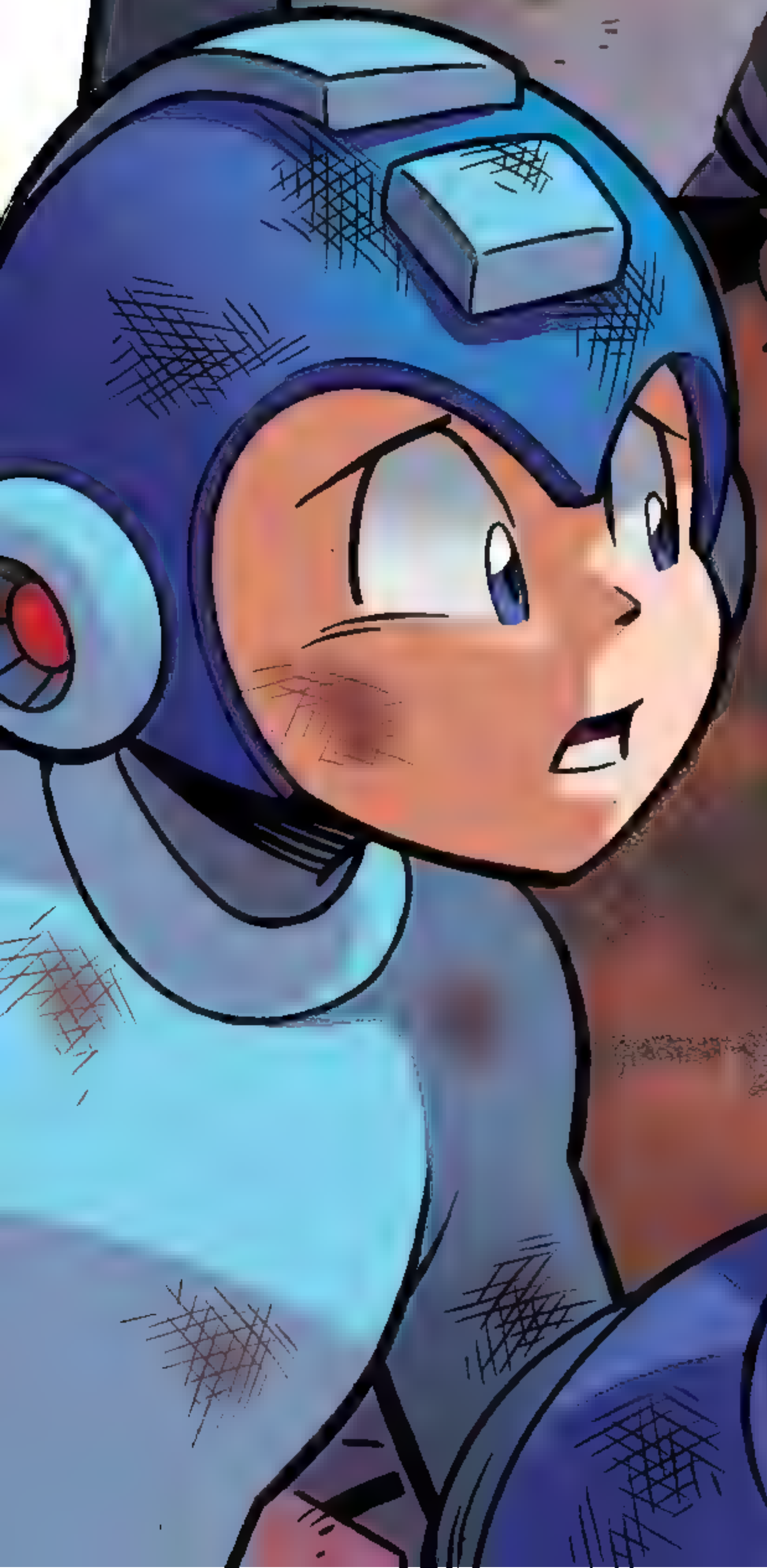
...THEY...  
THEY USED THE BOMBS  
...EVEN WITH PEOPLE IN  
HERE...

POPPA!

MEGA  
MAN!

ELEC MAN  
...WE NEED TO FIND  
ROLL AND KALINKA...

THE  
DOCTORS!





THE LAST BOMB CAVED  
IN THE LECTURE HALL!  
THE DOCTORS WERE  
STILL INSIDE!

DOCTOR  
LIGHT...!

**THE PEOPLE MAY BE  
SAVED, BUT WHAT  
ABOUT DR. LIGHT  
AND THE OTHERS?  
WHAT IS XANDER'S  
NEXT MOVE?  
DON'T MISS THE  
EXCITING CONCLUSION  
NEXT TIME!**

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Dear Mega-Mail,  
I love Mega Man. I have every issue that is out so far and the first graphic novel. I'm going to get the second one.

*Fantastic! Thanks for being a real Mega fan! The third graphic novel, "The Return of Dr. Wily," will be coming up this August, so be on the lookout for that too!*

I just have one question.

*One is the loneliest number that I've ever knew.*

How old are Mega Man and Roll?

*Well, since they are both robots they don't really age. At the very least, Rock and Roll are about ten years old in physical/mental maturity.*

My second favorite Robot Master is Elec Man.

*Elec Man is certainly a shocking character isn't he? Positively one of my current favorites.*

Keep up the good work!  
-Angela M.  
from Tennessee

*Thanks for writing in, Angela!*

Dear Mega Mail,  
I love the Mega Man comic book. I have been reading it ever since I came across an ad in Sonic the Hedgehog. I have loved the series ever since.

*What's not to love? Nice to see new fans coming on over from the Sonic side of comics. Both heroes are blue, what a*

*convenient transition!*

I was amazed with the Mega Man II story adaption. It's even better than the arc "Time keeps slipping".

*We try to make each arc even better than the last, and I hope you're enjoying "Spiritus" so far, but ya gotta love the banter between Time Man and Oil Man in Mega Man Volume 2! Available now in fine bookstores everywhere! Plugplugplug!*

Thank you for making this comic a smash hit. I hope to see more action in the future!

-Tyler M.  
from Pennsylvania

*Thank you, Tyler! We're definitely ready to bring more Mega action your way!*

Dear Mega-Mail,  
I LOVE your new Mega Man comic book series you launched in May!

*Wow, I'm really feeling the love this issue! I'm gonna blush! But seriously, thank you!*

Mega Man is my favorite video game series ever! Please continue to make more of these comics, because they're fantastic!

*Well, there are plenty more fantastic stories headed your way! It's all thanks to fans like you who support and love the series. As long as there are fans, there will always be Mega Man!*

Even the characters in the comic book look like they're from the games, via their manga-ish/anime-ish style!

*We love the Mega Man style! It's very dynamic and cool, the way an action and adventure comic should be!*

Kudos to Patrick "SPAZ" Spaziante and Ian Flynn for making Capcom's Mega Masterpiece come to life in comic book form!

-Jean-Luc B.  
from Canada

*Thanks, Jean-Luc! Your kudos' have been sent!*

*Well, folks, we're really comin down to the wire with "Spiritus Ex Machina," but in reality the adventure is actually just beginning! Remember to keep writing in to Mega Mail to send us all of your awesome fan art and letters! Until next time check out the Mega Man graphic novels, volumes 1 and 2, available now! And be on the lookout for volume 3 coming this August! No books? No problem! Get digi with it and download all the action on the Archie app, comics+ app, and comixology apps! Plugplugittyplug!*

*We'll see y'all back here next time for the conclusion of Spiritus Ex Machina!*

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**SPIRITUS**  
EX MACHINA : PART FOUR

WILL OUR HERO **SURVIVE?**  
THE HOSTAGE SITUATION COMES TO AN END AS MEGA MAN IS PUT TO THE ULTIMATE TEST OF LIFE OR DEATH IN THIS THRILLING CONCLUSION!  
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